

Christ United Methodist Church
Salt Lake City
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The Connection, November 2021

RUSTY'S REFLECTIONS

Together for Joy!

Well it's happening! We have come to that point in the Church Year where we need to consider the Stewardship Campaign for 2022. We've got a theme, "Together for Joy." That phrase comes from Psalm 98, "Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy."

These last few weeks, we've sung together for joy in church. I've felt it. I hope you have too...the joy we receive when we are together. This pandemic has been hard on us, on all of us! But I believe too, that it has shown us how important church is for so many of us. We longed to be together again in classes, in church, even in committees for crying out loud!!

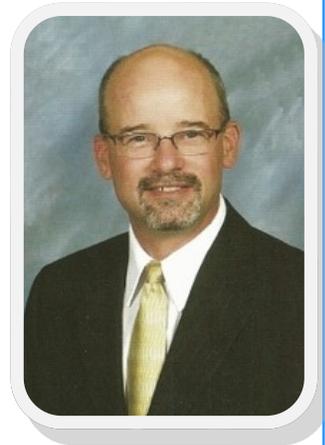
Your financial support throughout the past year and a half have allowed us to continue employing our staff, keeping ministry and outreach programs going, and taking care of our building and grounds. We have really done quite well considering all that has gone on. We have persevered!

In 2021 we received a significant sum of money from the Federal Paycheck Protection Program which allowed us to carry on programming and help meet our budget needs. In 2022, those funds will not be available so it may require us to tighten our belts. Obviously we haven't had as many members/constituents come to church and some have undoubtedly fallen away. It will be up to us to support the church to keep it alive and going forward.

You will receive a Stewardship Letter and Pledge Card with an Envelope in the next couple of weeks. I'm asking you to take some moments with it this year and consider what you might pledge.

We'll have a **Stewardship Telethon/Extravaganza on Sunday, November 21st at 6:30** in the Sanctuary. You are invited to come and be part of that event. We'll have music from several members and groups. We'll also have a group of people making phone calls to members and constituents asking if they'll make a pledge for 2022.

It's a journey we are on, let's join together for joy!



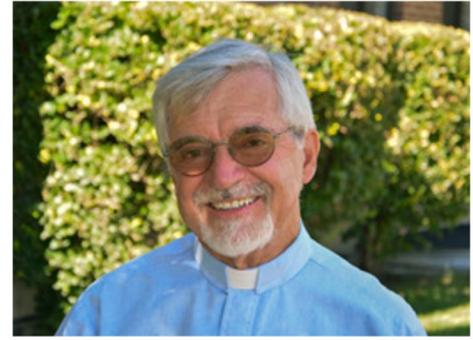
Rev. Rusty

All Newcomers to CUMC are invited to lunch with Rev. Rusty on Sunday, November 14th, beginning at 11:30am in the Chapel.

Please RSVP by Thursday, November 11th by contacting Tricia Morgan at 801-486-5473 x.111 or officemanager@christumcutah.org.

A Taste of Thanksgiving

Taste Buds. Thanksgiving reminds us of good food and family gatherings. Most all of us have a favorite dish or pie that we look forward to making or sharing together again. Whether your favorite is turkey and stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, pumpkin pie with whip cream, etc. we all look forward to indulging our taste buds and spending time with family and friends.



Thinking about that traditional Thanksgiving feast can make our mouths water. Yet, not everyone has been blessed (or challenged!) with a good sense of smell and taste. Covid has reminded us of the value of smell and taste. But we can all learn to trust God more.

Psalm 34:8 tells us *“taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.”* It is a reminder to us that our Christian faith is relational. The Lord longs for us to taste God’s goodness—take it into our souls. Faith in God cannot be reduced to intellectual knowledge or assent. Our faith is built on a relationship of trust in God.

The type of faith this verse invites us to is learning how to trust God in whatever circumstances we find ourselves; learning to depend on God’s goodness and love; abandoning our short-sighted ideology of independence and self-sufficiency. Accepting our human failings and weakness is the first part of trusting God. Doing so helps us recognize we need a source of strength, hope and peace that is outside of ourselves. God is that source! Practice resting in God’s love and care. We are human and finite. That is reality. Make peace with your humanity so that you can learn to repose in God’s love given us in Jesus. None of us do this perfectly or completely, but we can work at it. It takes a life time of practice, but it can make life easier and more joyful.

Pastor Bruce Kolasch, Pastor of Congregational Care
406-891-0434



Deepest Condolences to Roger Lester and family upon the death of his brother in October.

Deepest Condolences to the family and friends of Howard Peckham, who died in his sleep October 4th.

Christ UMC has multiple committees that help within our church. We are looking for people to serve on the following Committees in 2022-2023. Please select the areas that interest you by marking an x in the space provided.

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

- _____ 1. **Children's Ministries** - Responsibilities include helping to advise and oversee Sunday School and additional activities for Children
- _____ 2. **Family Promise** - Responsibilities include recruiting help, organizing volunteers, and taking care of various issues for Family Promise families
- _____ 3. **Finance** - Responsibilities include overseeing Financial Position of CUMC
- _____ 4. **Health and Welfare** - Responsibilities include organizing and helping with the Health Fair and any other events which may occur.
- _____ 5. **Membership and Nurture** - Responsibilities include organizing and hosting New Membership Lunches/Events, Church Picnics, Social Activities, etc.
- _____ 6. **Memorials** - Responsibilities include acknowledging Memorial Gifts and helping to decide how the Memorial Fund should be used.
- _____ 7. **Mission and Outreach** - Responsibilities include organizing various helping and outreach ministries, eg. Crossroads, Meals on Wheels, Volunteers of America, and Enchanted Tree fundraiser
- _____ 8. **Permanent Endowment** - Responsibilities include overseeing the Permanent Endowment Funds
- _____ 9. **Pre-School Board** - Responsibilities include overseeing the Preschool and assisting Director in organization issues
- _____ 10. **Social Justice** - Responsibilities include developing and organizing church members in various activities that fall in the Social Justice realm (Climate Change, Race Issues, LGBTQ Issues, etc.)
- _____ 11. **Staff Parish Relations** - Responsibilities include overseeing personnel issues in the church including staff and pastor issues
- _____ 12. **Stewardship** - Responsibilities include helping direct the annual Stewardship campaign and providing church with ongoing issues of helping parishioners develop stewardship
- _____ 13. **Trustees** - Responsibilities include helping to organize and manage the Building and Grounds issues
- _____ 14. **Worship** - Responsibilities include organizing various groups who assist with worship, eg. Ushers, Lay Readers, Acolytes, Greeters, etc.

For more information about any of these committees, contact:

Pastor Rusty - pastorrusty@christumcutah.org

Jay Vestal - jayvestal@msn.com

Jackie Hibbard - jackiehib@comcast.net

Gina Williams - chuckgina1@comcast.net

Church Conference on Saturday, December 11th

We will meet from 9:00-11:00am in the Sanctuary to conduct church business, such as the reading of Committee reports and addressing the budget for 2022. This meeting is open to all interested parties.

New York Times Bestseller

MARY OLIVER



Devotions

The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver 

2021 Advent Companion Book Online Order

The Advent devotions this year are selected readings from Mary Oliver's *Devotions* book. If you would like to order Mary Oliver's book, you may do so at our website by using the QR code below. The cost is \$15 per book, the Advent devotions will be free. Orders need to be placed by **Tuesday, November 16th** to arrive in time for the first Sunday of Advent.

For more information, contact Pastor Rusty at pastorrusty@christumcutah.org.



We celebrate the lives of the Saints, members of CUMC who have died since November 1st, 2020

Brian Adams
Lorraine Dale
Lyda Elbel
Keefer Babbitt
Danny Liston
Howard Peckham
Pat Whitt

Bob Boven
Margot Duncan
Don Fjelstad
Richard Koehn
Carmen Palmer
Ted Stathakis
Alice Young

Adult Small Group Opportunities

Sunday Mornings

Adult Sunday School is held in the Chapel from 9:00 to 10:00am each Sunday morning.

November 7th we will begin a new study on racism, facilitated by Pastor Reba Kiger-Kolasch. Suggested readings to prepare for discussion include: **Books:** "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson, "So You Want to Talk About Racism" by Ijeoma Oluo, "Waking Up White" by Debbie Irving. **Poems** by Clint Smith, especially "What The Fire Hydrant Said to the Black Boy" and the Documentary on Netflix – "13th". **For questions contact Reba at rkkolasch@gmail.com**

The author of "Caste", Isabel Wilkerson, is being sponsored by the Tanner Forum on Social Ethics Nov. 4 from 7-8:30pm. The event is a virtual livestream, free, but requiring advance registration. This will be a good lead-in to Reba's class on CRT. One can register and/or present questions @ www.slcc.edu/tanner.

Bagel Boys

This group is open to all men. They meet Thursdays at 8:00am. For the meeting location talk to Dale McCormick, Larry McGill or Rev. Rusty. pastorrusty@christumcutah.org

Wednesday Morning Study

Join us at 10:00am in the Parlor for our current study. For more information, contact Evelyn Kasworm at 801-942-1383(h) or 801-712-0236(c)

Support our Youth!

For more information on any of these opportunities contact Patsy at YouthDirector@christumcutah.org or 801-808-6641.

Reminder Rent a Youth is available. The Youth will help members in the congregation where needed. Let Patsy know your needs, whether it is raking, yard work, snow removal, cleaning, etc. The Youth will do it for you!

Pumpkin Bread! The youth are taking orders for pumpkin bread (plain and chocolate chip) through November 7th. Order in person Sunday morning, on line or by contacting Patsy. You may pick up your order November 14th or 21st between 9:30am-12:00pm. Delivery by our Youth can also be arranged. Suggested donation for a loaf is at least \$5. All money goes to support the Youth Mission Fund. Senior High will be going to Puerto Rico this summer.

Palmer Court Service Project Update for August: Youth families re-bagged the pet food and treats and Mike Hampton, Scott and Nolan Carpenter, and Patsy delivered 37 Bags of dog food, 20 cans of dog food, 112 bags of dog treats, 37 bags of cat food, 36 cans of cat food, 25 bags of cat treats, 31 jugs of cat litter, bird food and millet, peepads, pet bowls, cat and dog toys, harnesses, leashes, litter pan, and scoopers so case workers could distribute them the following week to the residents. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped in any way! **The next delivery is November 12th.** All donations, especially dry cat food, are greatly needed. Contact Patsy to arrange for donation drop off.

Turkey Toss: This outdoor, drive through event will be November 24th at the Smith's Ballpark parking lot across from the ballpark (where the Bees play) on the North side of 1300S from 10am to 3:30pm or until the turkeys are gone. We will be directing traffic through the parking lot and loading the turkeys and sides directly into car trunks. The shifts shorter this year and are as follows:

- ◆ 7am-10am: Set up -- This shift will include setting up traffic cones, setting up the canopies/tables, and unloading the first round of stuff from the trucks.
- ◆ 10am-1pm: First shift -- Each of the shifts will include helping the ROTC with traffic flow (ROTC will be the primary enforces of the traffic), keeping up with the unloading of the trucks, and loading food into the cars.
- ◆ 1-4pm Second shift
- ◆ 3pm-4:30pm Clean Up

Anyone is welcome to volunteer for the 5 slots per shift. Contact Patsy to sign up. Please bring masks and gloves and dress appropriately. The shifts may be reduced to 2 hours each if weather is bad.



Warm Clothing Drive: New or gently used coats, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves are needed, along with new long underwear and socks. Look for the scare-crows marking the collection points in the church.



CUMC will again this year collect money to provide Thanksgiving Dinner for those who are food insecure through Crossroads Urban Center. Harmon's will match our donation. Donations can be made online, with this QR code, in the offering plate, or at the table in the Gym before church.



Enchanted Tree

Coming for Advent Season we will be putting up the Enchanted Tree. Watch for further announcements for the giving options.

Wesley Bell Ringer Christmas Concert Schedule

December 5th (Sunday) Clearfield, 730pm

525 E 200 S, Clearfield, UT 84015

December 11th (Saturday) Concert with the Murray Symphony, 7PM

Hillcrest Jr High School, 178 E 5300 S, Murray, UT 84107

December 12th (Sunday) HUCC Concert, 7:30pm

2631 E Murray Holladay Rd, Holladay, UT 84117

December 18th (Saturday) St. Paul UMC (Copperton), 7pm

8601 W Hillcrest St, Bingham Canyon, UT 84006

December 19th (Sunday) Home Christmas Concerts @CUMC

matinee 4:00pm and evening 7:30pm

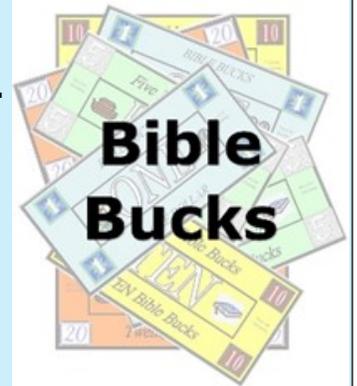
December 22nd (Wednesday) Home/Reunion Christmas Concert

@CUMC, 7:30pm

Children and Families

Bible Bucks Store – November 14th

Sunday morning, November 14th, our Bible Bucks store will be open from 10:00—10:30 am and 11:30 am—12:00 pm in room 208. Please stop by with your child so they have an opportunity to shop. Lots of toys, games, etc, as well as mission opportunities from Heifer Project will be available. Donations of new toys, games, or other children's items for the store accepted. Please bring them to the church office any time before November 10th. Children earn Bible Bucks by attending Sunday School either in person or virtual, bringing their Bible, memorizing the Bible verse, and good behavior.



Children's Christmas Virtual Pageant – Save the Dates



Our Children's Christmas Pageant will be held in person this year. The rehearsal is on Saturday, December 4th starting at 10:00 am with the performance is on Sunday, December 5th at the 10:30 am worship service.

November Sunday School Theme

In November we will be exploring Bible Stories around the theme of "God blesses us." Both virtual and in-person Sunday School will have access to watch the Deep Blue Kids video of the weekly Bible Story through Amplify Media.

Contact Kelly at children.and.family@christumcutah.org to sign up for your FREE account. Virtual Sunday School can be found at <https://www.christumcutah.org/virtualsundayschool.html> .



Advent Activity

This year's Advent item for children is "Suddenly, A Savior" Advent window calendar. These will be available on Sunday, November 28th, the first Sunday of Advent.

YOUTH NEWS!!!
Youth Group Schedule for November
Pumpkin Bread Sales Month

**Service Sunday, Nov.7 Re-bagging Pet Food for Palmer Court
Meet 11:30am in the Youth Room. Lunch provided.
Adult Drivers Needed!**

Service Friday, Nov. 12 meet at 4:30pm at Patsy's House to Deliver Pet Food & Supplies to Palmer Court. Drivers needed!

**Let's Talk Sunday, Nov. 14 11:30am Guest Speaker Kaye Poulton-Timm
Topic: Suicide. Lunch will be provided.**

**Sunday, November 21 11:30am IMPORTANT!
Youth & Parent Chili Bowl & Angel Tree Planning Meeting**

**Turkey Toss
Service Wednesday, Nov. 24
7:00am-10am, 10am-1pm or 1-4pm
Contact Patsy to volunteer. 5 slots per shift available.
Let's be sure every family has a Thanksgiving meal!**

**Start saving your money to help purchase gifts for
the Angel Tree kids.**

**Contact Patsy Simons youthdirector@christumcutah.org 801-808-6641
For information about the Youth Program.**



United Methodist Women are selling Glover Nursery

CHRISTMAS WREATHS \$30

To benefit UMW Missions and our Youth Mission Trip

(such as Crossroads Urban Center, UMCOR, and
UMW Missions worldwide)

Beautiful 28" mixed greens with pinecones From Oregon's Willamette Valley

You may purchase wreaths by mailing this form to the address below, along with your check made payable to UMW by *Monday, November 23*. *If you wish to pay cash, send your order and we will collect at time of delivery. Email orders also accepted at the address below.*

WREATH CURB-SIDE PICK-UP – North side of church

Saturday November 27, 10-1

Sunday November 28, 9:30-11:30

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of wreaths ordered: _____ @\$30= \$_____

Mail order form to:

Pam Allison, 1590 Harvard Ave, SLC UT 84105

Questions: Call or text Pam 801-897-8676 (p.h.allison@att.net)

There is a limited number of wreaths available, order early to guarantee your wreath.



Hanging of the Greens, Sunday November 28th

Help decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Season! All who stay after church to help will be treated to a pizza lunch.



United Methodist Women's Book Club

Monday, November 15th at 1:00pm in the Parlor.

The book for November is **The Unstoppable Garrett Morgan by Joan Dilicco.**

For more information about the book club please contact Bev Mittelstadt at bevjm4287@yahoo.com or 801-272-7137 or 801-755-4115.

Deborah Circle will meet in the Parlor Thursday, November 18th at 10:00 am.

All Church women are welcome!

**The United Methodist Women are selling Christmas Wreaths!
See page 9 for an order form.**



Church Women United

World Community Day Celebration

“Becoming One on 2021”

New Places, New Faces at the Table

Written by our own Rev. Lillie Holman

Bible Study with small group discussions

Friday, November 5

9:30 AM via ZOOM

Offering—CWU National Programs

Outreach – Crossroads Urban Center

Please make checks payable to Church Women United

Mail to Desta Aure at 10227 Hickory PI Dr Sandy, UT 84092

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwocOupqjsqGNVQ-Pa-97_1sHR-7Rj7EGtn

NOTE: Press Control + Click Link to access registration

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

Questions?? Contact Kathy Horvat at 801-502-0708

Top donation requests

Snacks,
Individual sized drinks
Peanut butter

You may leave your donations in the CUMC collection bins by the west door. Donations may also be dropped off at the downtown Food Pantry (347 S 400 East) without appointment, Monday - Friday 9am-5pm.

YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

CAN YOU HELP? URGENT NEEDS WISH LIST 10/2021 - 02/2022)

All items can be gently used except for underwear which must be new.
Clothing, shoes, & underwear are for teens/young adults only.



- *Male T-Shirts, assorted colors, sizes M, L, XL, XXL
- *Male Flannel Shirts, sizes L, XL, XXL
- *Male Jeans, sizes 32 - 36
- *Male Boxer Briefs, sizes M, L, XL, XXL (must be new)
- *Male Casual Shoes, sizes 9 - 13 (styles for a teenager)
- *Male Socks, medium weight (for above shoe sizes)
- *Female Tops, sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL (teenage styles/ women's sizes)
- *Female Jeans, sizes 8-20
- *Bras, sizes 34-40 (must be new)
- *Female Underwear, sizes S, M, L, XXL (teenage/women's sizes; must be new)
- *Female Casual Shoes, sizes 7 - 10 (styles for a teenager)
- *Female Socks, medium weight (for above shoe sizes)
- *Male and Female Hoodies, sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL (adult sizes, teenage styles)
- *Male and Female Fleece Pants, sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL (adult sizes, teenage styles)
- *Bath Towels, new or gently used
- *Wash Cloths, new or gently used
- *Hand Towels, new or gently used
- *Throw-size Blankets, 50" X 60", new or gently used
- *Twin Size sheets, flat; new or gently used (no fitted sheets)
- *Small Hair Brushes
- *Lip Balm/Chapstick
- *Crayons
- *Playing Cards
- *Hand Warmers
- *Foot Warmers

Donations can be dropped off at CUMC (2375 E. 3300 So.) in the designated bin near the kitchen or, with an on-line scheduled time, you can drop your donations off at the Youth Resource Center (888 So. 400 W). If you wish to schedule your own drop-off time at the YRC, use this link: <https://www.voaut.org/drop-off>

HOMELESS & AT-RISK YOUTH are offered much-needed services at **VOA'S YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER (YRC)** in Salt Lake City. Homeless and at-risk youth, ages 15 - 22, may come to the YRC for a shower, to do laundry, and/or to get some food. Once trust is built, the Center is able to serve these youth in more meaningful ways. Barriers that led to their homelessness gradually break down, allowing these teens to **transform their lives**. Each year the YRC serves about **800 homeless/at risk teens**. The YRC offers emergency shelter beds, 24/7 assistance, three meals a day, & free legal services through their Homeless Youth Legal Clinic. They also receive help dedicated to education assistance, job training, counseling, & other helpful programs.

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Health and Welfare

Blood Pressure Readings will be offered on the 2nd Sunday of each month during coffee time, beginning November 14th.

"Thank you from the Health & Welfare Committee for your generous donations of extra medical equipment for IHC and the Inn Between. We greatly appreciate all medical equipment donations."

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 25th at 11:30 in the Gym. Turkey, gravy and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite holiday dish to share! Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or you can contact Tricia Morgan at 801-486-5473 x.111

or officemanager@christumcutah.org.

